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ABSTRACT

Abstract:

Introduction:

Suicidal poisoning by OPC is however a major clinical and public health concern. Red cell distribution width measures variability in RBC size. That means it reflects anisocytosis. It can easily be assessed in a complete blood count. It is found to be elevated in heart failure, acute coronary syndromes and pancreatitis.

In organophosphate poisoning too there can be acute inflammation and oxidative stress. This too may cause a change in structure and size of RBC. So there is an expected increase in red cell distribution width. The level of elevation is associated with the level of inflammation and oxidative stress. Hence RDW can be assessed as a prognostic marker in organophosphate poisoning.

Objectives:

To Investigate the relation between Red cell distribution width and final outcome in patients with organophosphate poisoning

Materials and Methods:

The study will be conducted on 200 patients admitted to Government Rajaji Hospital & Madurai Medical College with history of organophosphate poisoning during the study period

We included patients with clinical history of ingestion of OPC poison between age 13- 60 yrs, did initial clinical assessment, serum pseudocholinesterase and RDW

INTRODUCTION

Title:**Red Cell Distribution Width as Outcome Predictor in Organophosphate Poisoning**

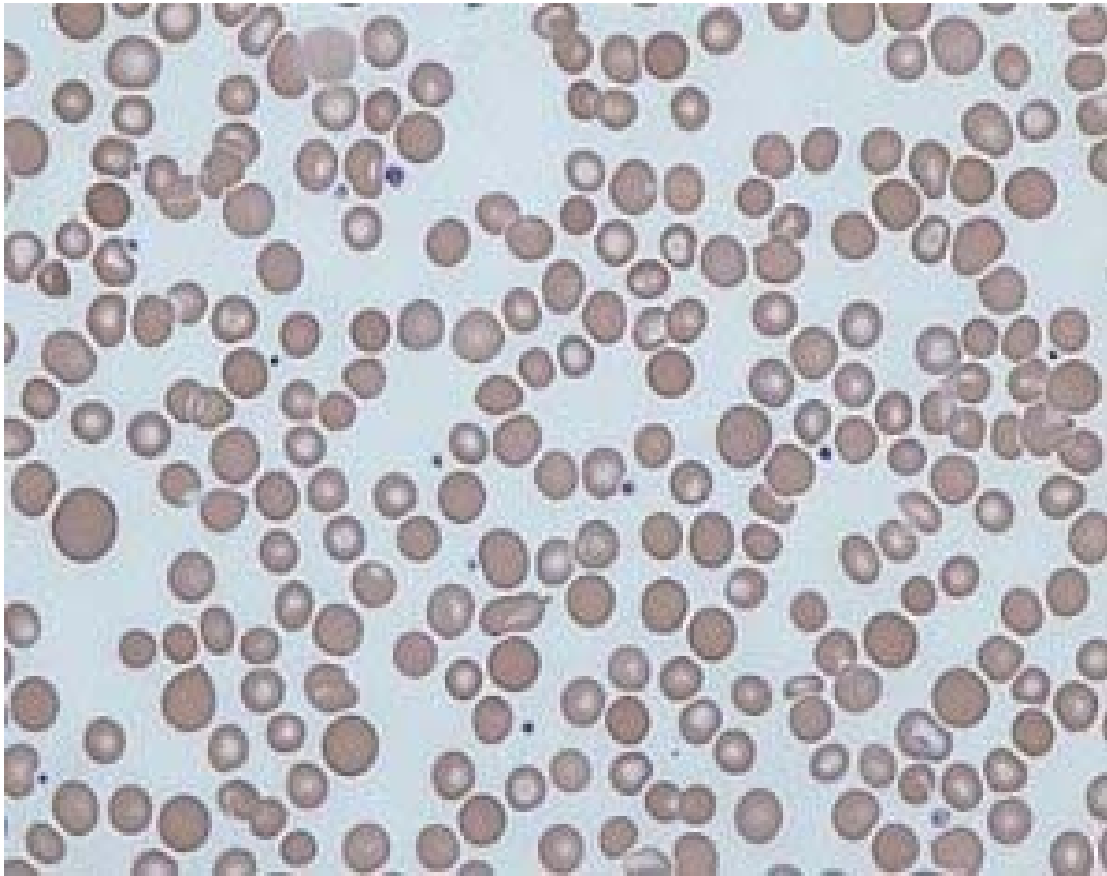
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OPC poisoning causes generation of reactive oxygen species due to its redox cycling activity, thereby releasing Superoxide dismutase which damages the phospholipid membrane of RBC's.

Since RBCs have no nucleus and mitochondria they are affected first along with other hematological changes like dendritic cells inhibition, leukocytosis

Damaged RBC's show increased anisocytosis with the condition aggravated due to hypoxia and subsequent denaturation of Heme compound

Peripheral smear showing Anisocytosis



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REVIEW OF LITERATURE

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Organophosphate (OP) compounds are a diverse group of chemicals used in both domestic and industrial settings.

Examples of organophosphates include the following:

Insecticides – Malathion, parathion, diazinon, fenthion, dichlorvos, chlorpyrifos, ethion

Nerve gases – Soman, sarin, tabun, VX

Ophthalmic agents – Echothiophate, isofluorophate

Antihelmintics – Trichlorfon

Herbicides – Tribufos (DEF), merphos

Industrial chemical (plasticizer) – Tricresyl phosphate

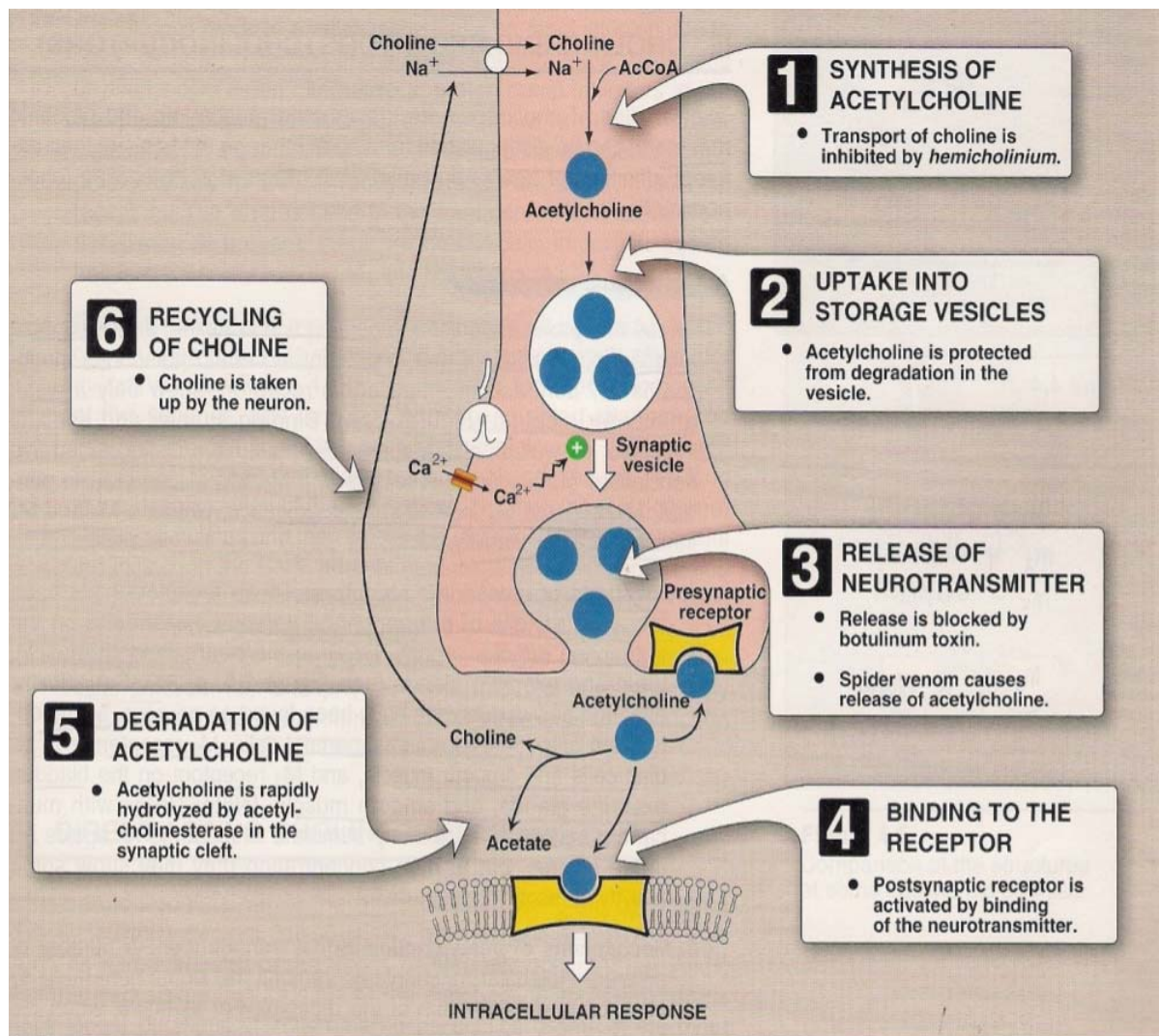
Thus, organophosphate toxicity can result from household or occupational exposure, military or terrorist action, or iatrogenic mishap. Exposure to organophosphates is also possible via intentional or unintentional

contamination of food sources. Although no clinical effects of chronic, low-level organophosphate exposure from a food source have been shown, advancements in risk assessment and preparedness are ongoing.

Mechanism of OPC action include

- OP compounds phosphonylate the active site of acetylcholinesterase (AChE), inactivating the enzyme leading to the accumulation of acetylcholine (ACh) in cholinergic synapses
- Spontaneous hydrolysis of the OP-enzyme complex allows reactivation of the enzyme.
- AChE-dimethyl OP complex spontaneously reactivate in less than one day

- AChE-diethyl OP complex may take several days and reinhibition of the newly activated enzyme can occur significantly
- spontaneous reactivation can be hastened by adding nucleophilic reagents like oximes, liberating more active enzymes.



Signs and symptoms of organophosphate poisoning can be divided into three broad categories: (1) muscarinic effects, (2) nicotinic effects, and (3) central nervous system (CNS) effects. Also classified as

1. Acute cholinergic syndrome (most common)

2. Sub acute proximal weakness (Intermediate syndrome)
3. Organophosphate induced delayed neuropathy
(OPIDN)
4. Chronic organophosphate induced neuropsychiatric
disorder (COPIND)

Acute cholinergic crisis

Muscarinic effects:

- Cardiovascular - Bradycardia, hypotension
- Respiratory - Rhinorrhea, bronchorrhea, bronchospasm,
cough, severe respiratory distress
- Gastrointestinal - Hypersalivation, nausea and vomiting,
abdominal pain, diarrhea, fecal incontinence
- Genitourinary - Incontinence
- Ocular - Blurred vision, miosis
- Glands - Increased lacrimation, diaphoresis

Nicotinic effect:

- muscle fasciculations
- cramping
- weakness
- diaphragmatic failure
- hypertension
- tachycardia
- mydriasis
- pallor

CNS effects:

- Anxiety
- Emotional lability
- Restlessness

- Confusion
- Ataxia
- Tremors
- Seizures
- Coma

Intermediate syndrome

- usually occurs 24 to 96 hours after the ingestion of an OP compound
- after an initial cholinergic crisis but before the expected onset of delayed polyneuropathy.
- Approximately 10-40% of patients treated for acute poisoning develop this illness.
- characterized by prominent weakness of neck flexors, muscles of respiration and proximal limb muscles.

- Mostly seen with fenthion, dimethoate and monocrotophos,
- muscle weakness may last up to 5-14 days, the condition regresses slowly if respiratory support is available.
- exact pathogenesis is unclear, the proposed mechanisms include persistent inhibition of AChE leading to functional paralysis of neuromuscular transmission, muscle necrosis, and oxidative free radical damage to the receptors

Organophosphate toxicity is a clinical diagnosis. Confirmation of organophosphate poisoning is based on the measurement of cholinesterase activity; but typically, these results are not readily available.

RBC ACETYLCHOLINESTERASE

- Direct measurement of RBC acetylcholinesterase (RBC AChE) activity provides the measure of the degree of toxicity
- The test is not usually available.

Plasma (Or Pseudo) Cholinesterase Activity

- is more easily performed
- does not correlate well with severity of poisoning
- should not be used to guide therapy.

AChE and PChE activity can fall to about 80% of normal before any symptoms occur and drop to 40% of normal before the symptoms become severe.

Biochemical Grading of Severity of Poisoning:

Red cell cholinesterase activity (% normal)	Grade
100	0
75-99	1
50-74	2
25-49	3
<25	4

- 20-50% Mild
- 10-20% Moderate
- <10% Severe

RED CELL ACETYLCHOLINESTERASE ACTIVITY

- Major disadvantage: Reactions between AChE, OP compounds and Oximes will continue if blood sample left at room temperature
- Samples must be diluted and cooled immediately
- Dilute by a factor of 20 by mixing 200 μ L of sample into EDTA tube with 4 mL of cold saline & Freeze sample at -20 $^{\circ}$ C within 5 min

- Treatment begins with decontamination. Rapid initial assessment of airways, breathing, and circulation is essential.
- Comatose or vomiting patients should be kept in lateral, preferably head down position with neck extension to reduce the risk of aspiration.
- airway should be secured with proper positioning, placement of Guedel's airway or with endotracheal intubation. Frequent suctioning is needed
- Oxygen used liberally to reduce the potential problem of dysarrhythmias
- Clothes should be removed and the skin vigorously washed with soap and water.

- Gastric lavage may help to reduce the absorption of the ingested poison and should be considered in patients presenting within 1-2 hours of ingestion of poison.
- Risks of gastric lavage include aspiration, hypoxia, and laryngeal spasm.

The mainstays of pharmacological therapy include atropine, pralidoxime (2-PAM), and benzodiazepines (eg, diazepam). Initial management must focus on adequate use of atropine -

INCREMENTAL DOSE

- 1.8 to 3.0 mg Atropine by IV
- Repeat the dose every 5 min interval doubling the dose each time to point of atropinisation
- Followed by 10-20% of total dose required as infusion per hour

BOLUS DOSE

- 2-5 mg Atropine every 10- 15 min till atropinisation
- Followed by maintenance using reduced doses or

increasing time duration between doses

End point of Atropinisation :

- Clear chest on auscultation with resolution of

bronchorrhea

- HR > 80/min
- SBP > 80 mm Hg
- Dry axilla
- Pupils > 2mm in diameter
- Tachycardia not a contra-indication to Atropine
- Severe hypotension might benefit from Vasopressors
- Value of vasopressor Vs high dose atropine is not clear.

ATROPINE Vs GLYCOPYRROLATE

- Main adverse of Atropine – anti cholinergic delirium
- Glycopyrrolate - poor CNS penetration
- Ineffective in countering coma, reduced respiration.
- RCT showed no significant difference in mortality or ventilation rates
- Atropine will remain the anti-muscarinic agent of choice.

Characteristics of OXIMES are

- Ability to reverse AChE inhibition with oximes varies with pesticide ingested
- Diethyl OP compounds: effectively reactivated ($t_{1/2}$: 33 h)
- Dimethyl OP compounds: respond poorly ($t_{1/2}$: 3 h)
- Difference due to variation in speed of aging induced by different pesticides.

- Oximes not useful for late presentation of dimethyl OPC and large consumption of OPC (re-inhibits reactivated enzymes)

Cause of Death in OPC poisoning

1. Immediate death:

- Seizures.
- Complex ventricular arrhythmias.

2. Death within 24 hours:

- Acute cholinergic crisis in untreated severe case -

Respiratory failure.

3. Death within 10 days of poisoning:

- Intermediate syndrome.

4. Late death:

– Secondary to ventricular arrhythmias, including Torsades de Pointes, which may occur up to 15 days after acute intoxication.

FAT SOLUBILITY AND HALF LIFE

- Fat soluble thionate OPCs (Fenthion) distribute in large amounts to fat stores after absorption
- Reduced peak concentration and mild early cholinergic features
- Subsequent slow distribution and activation - recurrent cholinergic features lasting days or weeks
- IMS common
- Oximes beneficial for many days
- Fat solubility graded as K_{ow} . Less than 1.0 – not fat soluble and more than 4.0 – highly fat soluble

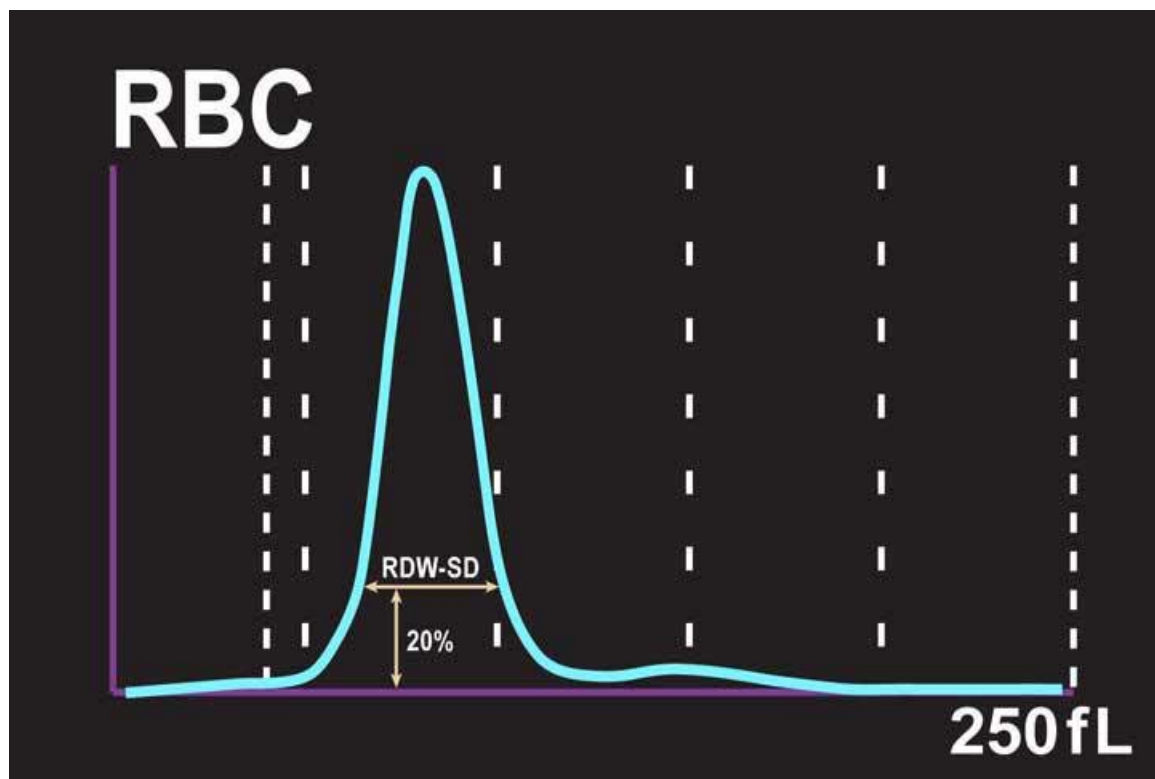
Red cell distribution width (RDW) is a red blood cell parameter that measures variability of red cell volume/size (anisocytosis). Depending on the types of hematology analyzer instruments, RDW can be reported statistically as coefficient of variation (CV) and/or standard deviation (SD), RDW-CV and/or RDW-SD, respectively.

RDW-SD (express in fL) is an actual measurement of the width of the RBC size distribution histogram and is measured by calculating the width (in fL) at the 20% height level of the RBC size distribution histogram. This parameter is therefore not influenced by the average RBC size (mean corpuscular volume, MCV).

RDW-CV (express in %) is calculated from standard deviation and MCV as follows

- $\text{RDW-CV (\%)} = \frac{1 \text{ standard deviation of RBC volume}}{\text{MCV}} \times 100\%$

Of note, since RDW-CV is mathematically derived from MCV, it is therefore affected by the average RBC size (MCV).



Determination of RDW-SD measurement. In this example, RDW-SD is 38.2 fL.

RDW can be used as a guidance for flagging samples that may need manual peripheral blood smear examination, since elevated RDW may indicate red cell fragmentation, agglutination, or dimorphic red blood cell populations.

RDW has also been associated with a poor prognosis for other diseases and conditions, including stroke, community-acquired pneumonia (CAP), pulmonary embolism, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), septic shock, and acute pancreatitis

Zerrin Defne Dundar et al did a study on total of 72 patients who ingested opi poison. Mechanically ventilated patients had significantly higher leukocyte counts and

RDW levels than non-ventilated patients ($p=0.004$ and $p<0.001$, respectively). The area under the receiver-operating characteristic curve of RDW levels for predicting mechanical ventilation requirement was 0.716 (95% CI: 0.581-0.852, $p=0.010$). RDW had a sensitivity of 73%, specificity of 70%, and negative predictive value of 91% with a cut-off value of 14.5% in predicting mechanical ventilation requirement in patients with organophosphate poisoning.

Shaikh Mohammed Aslam et al studied A total of 158 patients of OPI were studied retrospectively from January 2005 to December 2014. The diagnosis of a case of OPI poisoning was based on a clinical history of intentional ingestion of OPI and presence of characteristic signs and symptoms of OPI poisoning, and laboratory evidence of decreased serum cholinesterase activity. They observed that

Mean age was 31.32 ± 11.84 years and 58.2% of the patients were males. Mean serum pseudocholinesterase level was 5.5 ± 4.3 and mean RDW was 13.07 ± 1.67 . Mortality rate was 8.9%. Non survivors had higher RDW (13.87 ± 2.81) when compared with survivors (12.99 ± 1.49). RDW had a sensitivity of 57.1%, specificity of 68.1%, and negative predictive value of 94.3% with a cut-off value of 13.5% in predicting mortality in patients with OPI poisoning.

Changwoo Kang et al conducted a retrospective analysis between January 2008 and July 2013 in patients admitted to the emergency department after OPI poisoning. A Kaplan-Meier 30-day survival curve was analyzed in patients stratified according to the optimal cut-off point of RDW defined using a receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve. Multivariate Cox proportional hazards analyses were

conducted to determine the independent prognostic factors for 30-day mortality.

Results: Among 102 patients, 21 died, yielding a mortality of 20.6%. Elevated RDW was significantly associated with early mortality in patients with OPI poisoning. Levels of RDW that exceeded 13.5% (hazard ratio, 2.64; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.05-6.60) were associated with increased mortality in the multivariate analysis. The area under the ROC curve of RDW was 0.675 (95% CI, 0.522-0.829)

MATERIALS AND METHODS

STUDY POPULATION:

SOURCE OF DATA:

The study will be conducted on 200 patients admitted to Government Rajaji Hospital & Madurai Medical College with history of organophosphate poisoning during the study period

Inclusion Criteria

- Clinical history of ingestion of OPI poison between age 13- 60 yrs

Exclusion Criteria

- Coningestion with other poison
- Prehospital cardiac arrest
- Transfer to another hospital
- Discharge against medical advise
- Coronary artery disease

- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Abnormal liver function test
- Abnormal renal function test
- Iron deficiency anaemia

DATA COLLECTION:

Informed consent will be obtained from all patients/attenders to be enrolled for the study. In all the patients relevant information will be collected in a predesigned proforma. The patients are selected based on clinical examinations and biochemical tests.

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS

- a) Complete Hemogram

- b) Peripheral blood smear
- c) Liver function test
- d) Renal function test
- e) Random blood sugar
- f) PseudoCholinesterase level

Adult patients aged more than 12 years of age attending the casualty of Department of Medicine of Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai with history of OPC poisoning were admitted. Complete hemogram, blood sugar, urea, creatinine and liver function tests, serum pseudocholinesterase etc were done. Patients with abnormal blood sugar values, elevated renal function tests and elevated liver function tests were excluded.

DESIGN OF STUDY:

Prospective study

PERIOD OF STUDY:

6 MONTHS

COLLABORATING DEPARTMENTS:

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

ETHICAL CLEARANCE: Applied for

CONSENT: Individual written and informed consent.

ANALYSIS: Statistical analysis will be performed using appropriate tests as required according to data.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: NIL

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: SELF

PARTICIPANTS:

200 patients between age 13 and 60 years who will be admitted in emergency department with history of Organophosphate poisoning with normal blood sugar , LFT and RFT, with no significant past medical illnesses, during the study period

DATA ANALYSIS:

The collected data will be entered in Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and analyzed using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 17. The analysis of data was carried out by entering the coded information and generating tables. The data will be presented using descriptive statistics in form of tables and graphs. Results are expressed as proportions with 95% confidence interval. Univariate analysis was carried out using non –parametric Mann Whitney Test

to compare the RDW and various parameters between two groups. Student T test was used. The ROC curve (Receiver operating curve) was used to determine the optimal cut off point for RDW for predicting mortality.

A total of 200 patients who consumed Organophosphate poison fulfilling the inclusion criteria were taken for this study.

RESULTS AND INTERPRETATION

The mean age group participated was 36.63yrs with RDW lesser than 46 having Standard deviation of 13.141 and 37.11 with RDW higher than 46 having Standard deviation of 12.78 as shown in Table 1

Table 1. Mean of Age in RDW higher & lesser than 46

RD W	<=46		>46		Total	
	Mea n	Std. Deviation n	Mea n	Std. Deviation n	Mea n	Std. Deviation n
Age	36.63	13.141	37.11	12.78	36.9	12.9

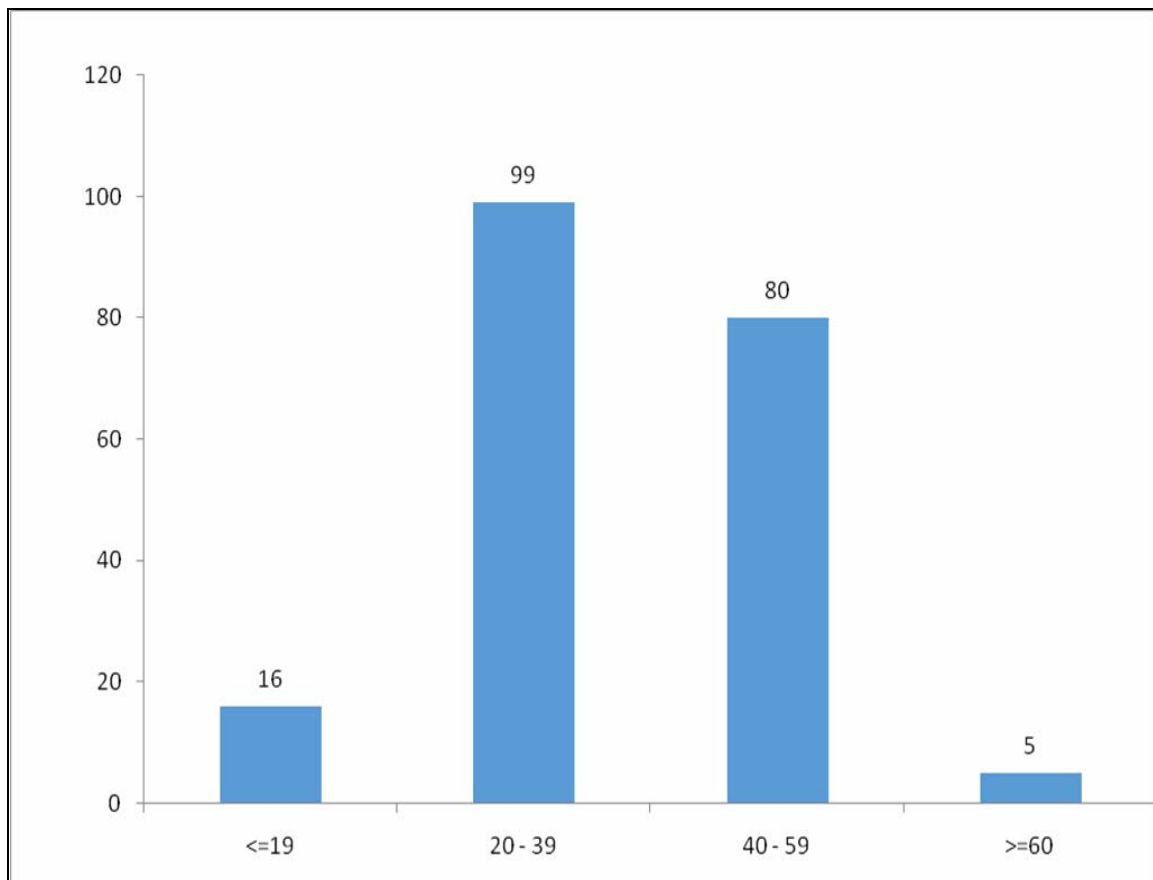
The age distribution was as shown in the table 2. Below 19 yrs there were 16 subjects(8%). Inbetween 20-39 yrs there were 99 subjects(49.5%) and 40-59 there were 80

subjects(40%). In the 60-70 yrs age group there were 5 subjects(2.5%). They were plotted and the bar diagram is as in figure1.

Table 2. Comparison of Age in RDW higher and lesser than 46

Age Group	Number	Percent
<=19	16	8.0
20 - 39	99	49.5
40 - 59	80	40.0
>=60	5	2.5
Total	200	100.0

Figure 1. Age Distribution

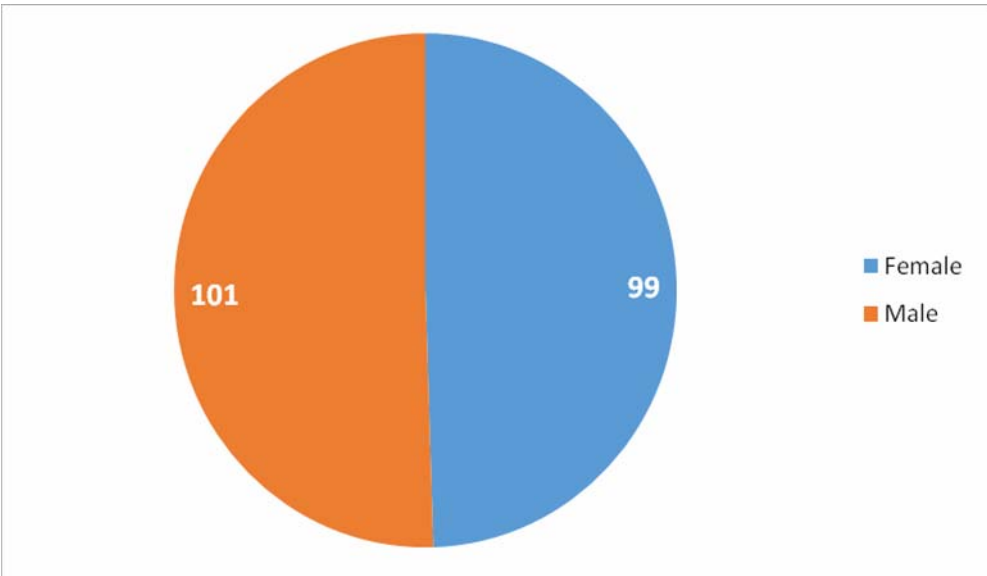


Out of 200 subjects number of males were 101(50.5%) and the number of females were 99 (49.5%) as shown in table 3. The sex wise distribution is shown in Figure 2

Table 3. Comparison of Sex in RDW higher and lesser than 46

Sex	Number	Percent
Female	99	49.5
Male	101	50.5
Total	200	100.0

Figure 2. Sex distribution

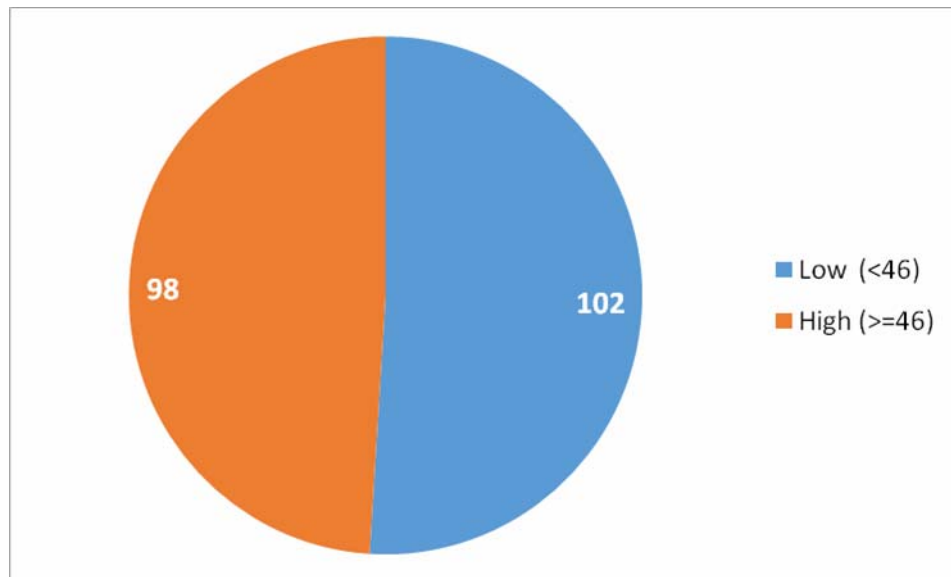


Among 200 subjects, the number of patients with RDW greater than or equal to 46 was 98(49%) and the number of patients with RDW lesser than 46 was 102(51%) as shown in table 4 and their distribution is shown in figure 3

Table 4. Comparison between RDW higher and lesser than 46

RDW	Number	Percent
Low (<46)	102	51.0
High (>=46)	98	49.0
Total	200	100.0

Figure 3. RDW Distribution



The mean value of RDW in less than 46 group was 39.64 with a standard deviation of 2.609 and in the RDW greater than 46 group was 50.72 with a standard deviation of 3.236 as shown in table 5. The mean of RDW of all 200 subjects was 45.1 with a standard Deviation of 6.3

Table 5. Mean of RDW value measured

RDW	<=46		>46		Total	
	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean	Std. Deviation
RDW	39.64	2.609	50.72	3.236	45.1	6.3

Each subjects vitals blood pressure, SpO₂, pulse rate, respiratory rate were measured on day 1 and day 3. Serum Pseudocholinesterase was also measured on day 1 and Day 3 of ingestion of Organophosphate poisoning

The mean of Systolic Bp, Diastolic Bp, Pulse rate , Respiratory rate, SpO₂ and Serum Pseudocholinesterase were measured and shown in Table 6. Mean of SBP was 109.7 on Day 1 and 108.2 on Day 3. Mean of DBP was 72.9 on Day 1 and 79.5 on Day 3. The mean Pulse rate was 91.4

on Day 1 and 80.9 on Day 3 and respiratory rate was 19.1 on Day 1 and 15 on Day 3. The SpO2 was 84.3 on Day 1 and 91.5 on Day 3.

The mean Serum Pseudocholinesterase was 4200.8 on day 1 and 5987.4 on day 3

Table 6. Mean of Vitals and Serum Pseudocholinesterase

RDW	Day 1		Day 3	
	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean	Std. Deviation
SBP	109.7	30.4	108.2	15.6
DBP	72.9	10.5	79.5	12.1
PULSE RATE	91.4	16.5	80.9	20.1
RESPIRATORY RATE	19.1	5.9	15.0	3.5
SpO2	84.3	11.6	91.5	4.2
Serum Pseudocholinesterase	4200.8	2947.1	5987.4	1208.3

The mean distribution of vitals were plotted and shown as follows in Figures 4 to 9

Figure 4. Distribution of SBP

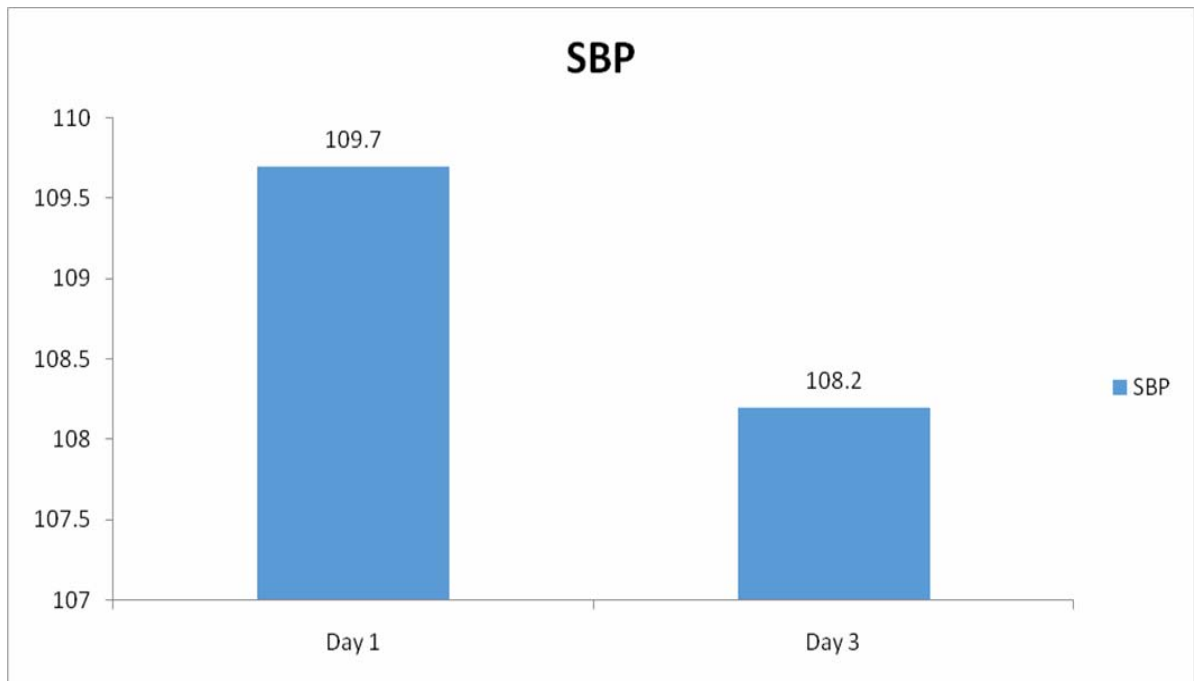


Figure 5. Distribution of DBP

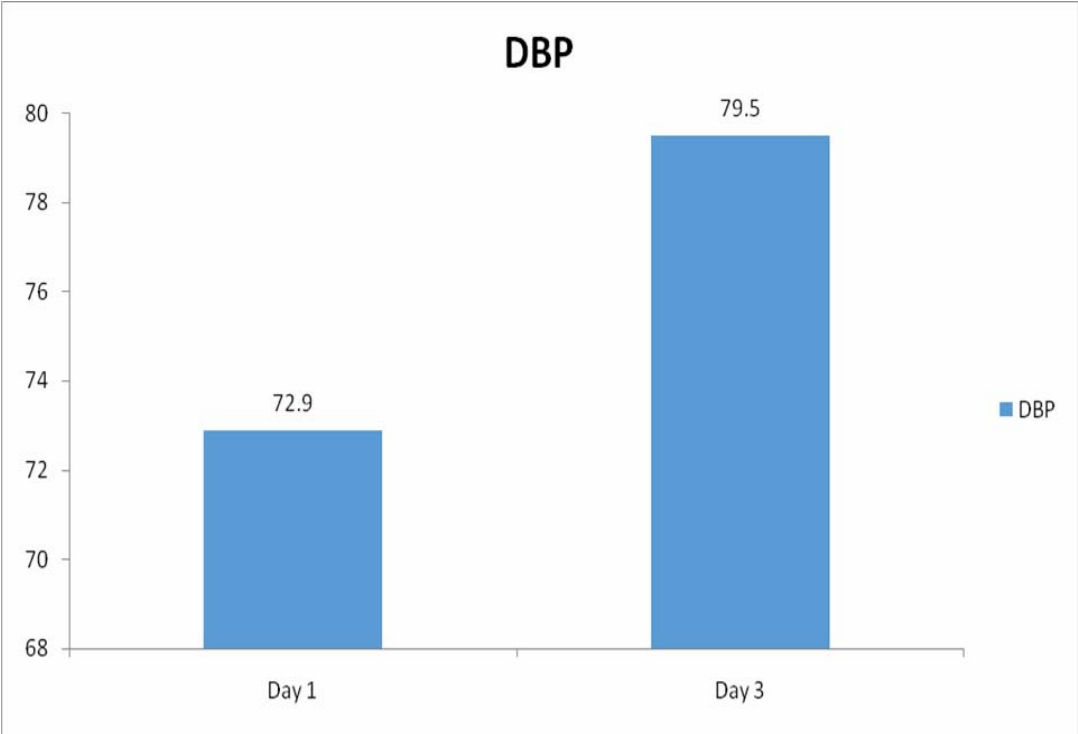


Figure 6. Distribution of Pulse Rate

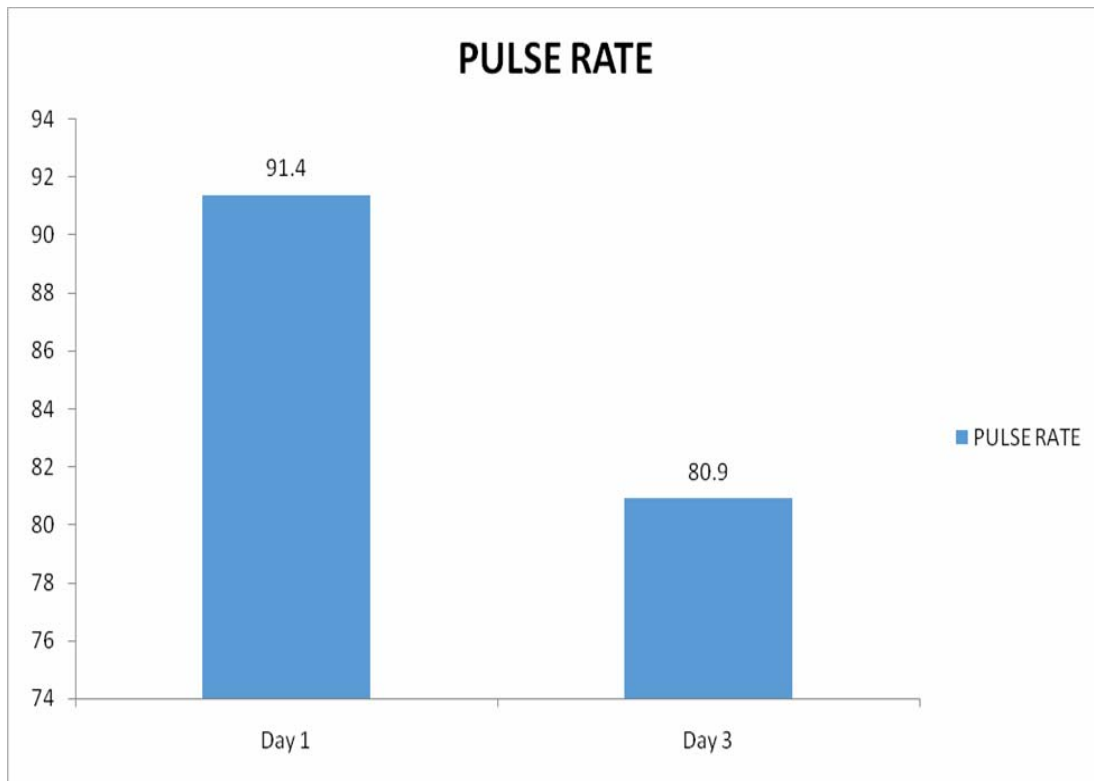


Figure 7. Distribution of SpO2

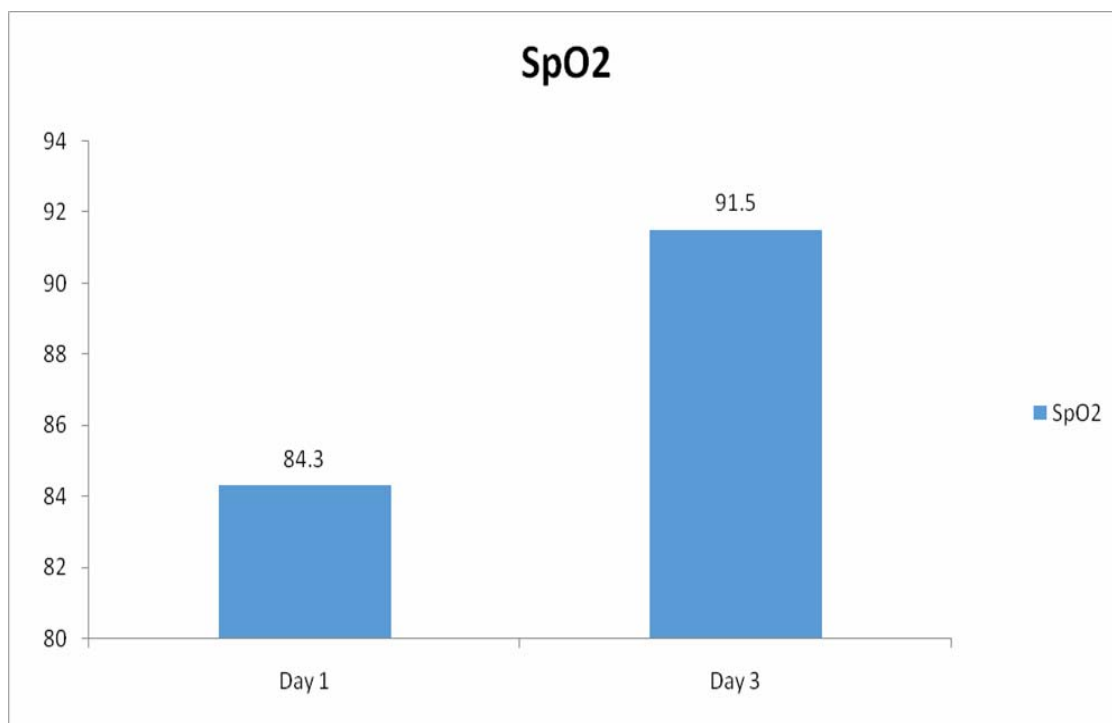


Figure 8. Distribution of Respiratory Rate

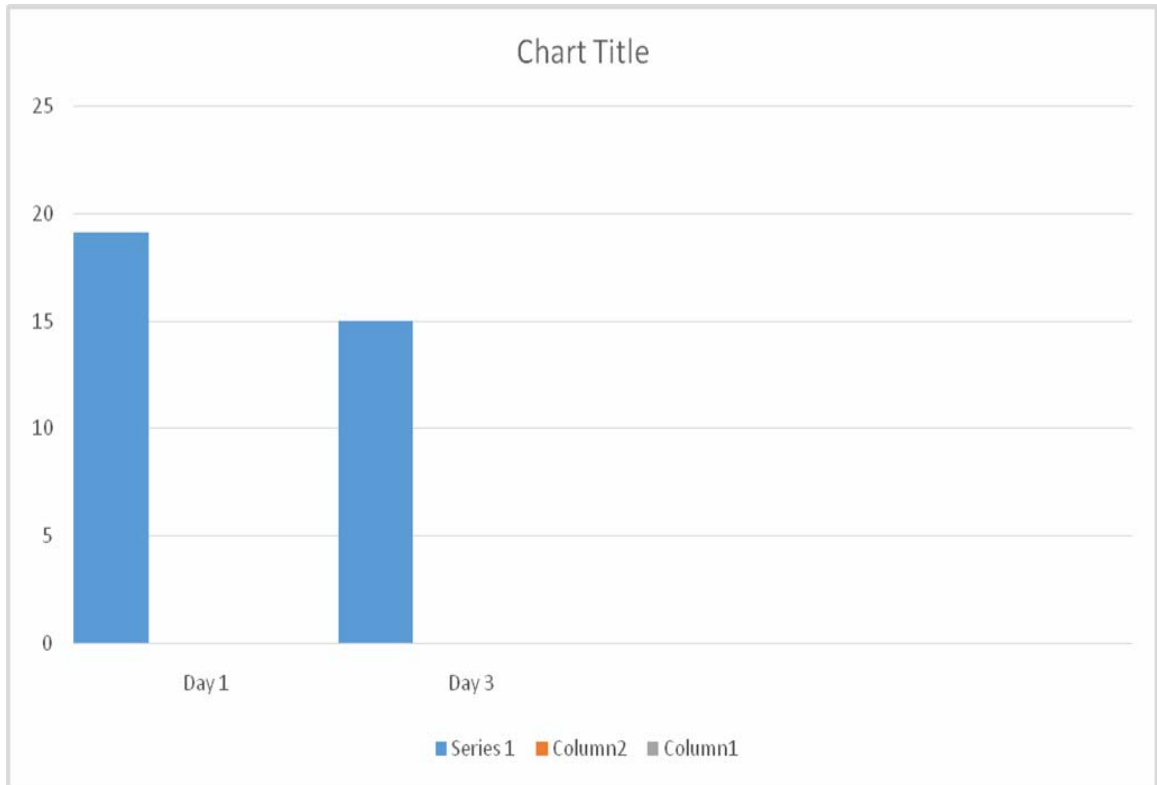
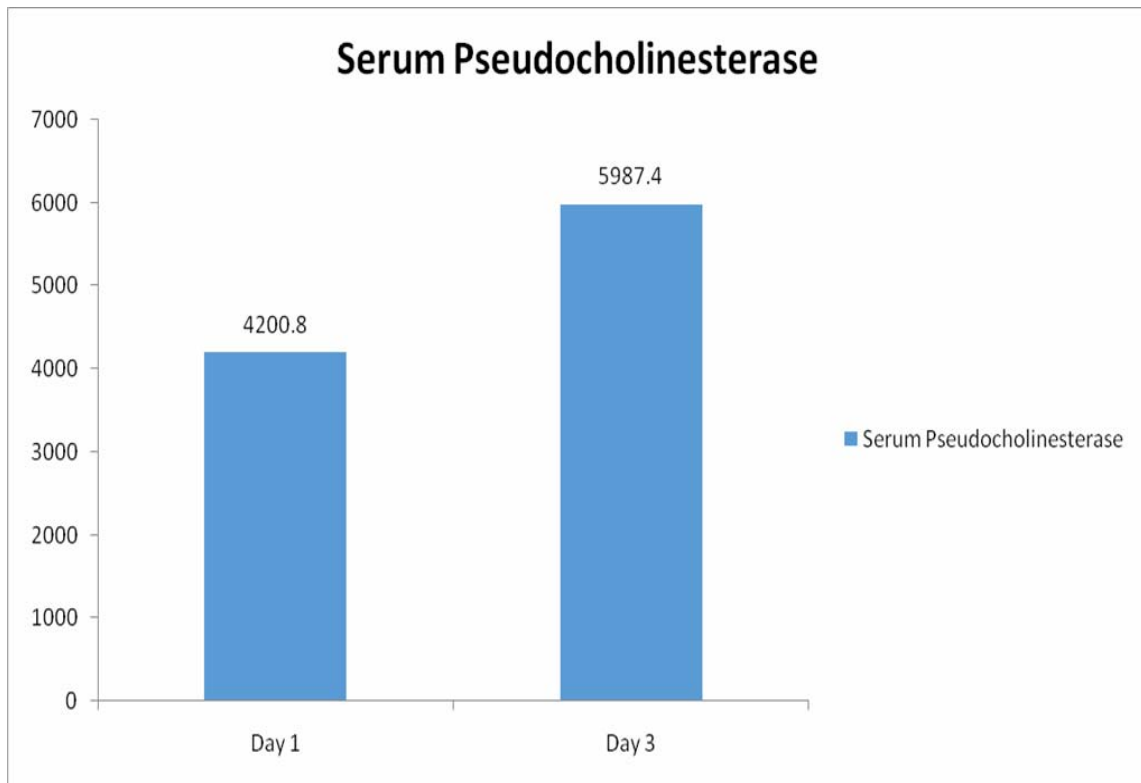


Figure 9. Serum Pseudocholinesterase Distribution



The same parameters were varied with RDW higher and lesser than 46 groups. The mean SBP on Day 1 was 107.43 and 112.06 in RDW low and higher than 46 respectively and on Day 3 was 118.27 and 97.61 in RDW low and High groups.

The mean DBP on Day 1 and Day 3 were 75.2 and 80.09 in RDW lesser than 46 . In RDW greater than 46 it was 70.45 and 78.8 on Day 1 and Day 3 respectively

The mean Pulse rate on Day 1 and Day 3 were 91.06 and 68.24 in RDW lesser than 46 . In RDW greater than 46 it was 91. and 68.54 on Day 1 and Day 3 respectively

The mean Respiratory Rate on Day 1 and Day 3 were 20.01 and 16.21 in RDW lesser than 46 . In RDW greater than 46 it was 18.2 and 13.66 on Day 1 and Day 3 respectively

The mean SpO₂ on Day 1 and Day 3 were 92.72 and 91.22 in RDW lesser than 46 . In RDW greater than 46 it was 75.53 and 91.84 on Day 1 and Day 3 respectively

The mean Pseudocholinesterase on Day 1 and Day 3 were 6603.56 and 6107.12 in RDW lesser than 46 . In RDW greater than 46 it was 1699.89 and 5862.84 on Day 1 and Day 3 respectively

Table 7. Comparison of mean of Parameters on Day

1 and 3

RDW	Day 1			Day 3		
	Low	High	Total	Low	High	Total
Parameters	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)	Mean (SD)
SBP	107.43 (30.6)	112.06 (30.1)	109.7 (30.4)	118.27 (12.3)	97.61 (11.0)	108.2 (15.6)
DBP	75.2 (9.1)	70.45 (11.2)	72.9 (10.5)	80.09 (11.9)	78.8 (12.2)	79.5 (12.1)
Pulse Rate	91.06 (16.7)	91.7 (16.3)	91.4 (16.6)	92.75 (16.8)	68.54 (15.2)	80.9 (20.1)
Respiratory Rate	20.01 (5.9)	18.2 (5.6)	19.1 (5.9)	16.21 (3.7)	13.66 (2.6)	15.0 (3.5)
SpO2	92.72 (6.6)	75.53 (8.7)	84.3 (11.6)	91.22 (4.3)	91.84 (3.9)	91.5 (4.2)
Serum Pseudocholinesterase	6603.56 (1841.4)	1699.89 (1377.6)	4200.8 (2947.1)	6107.12 (1232.7)	5862.84 (1175.8)	5987.4 (1208.3)

The distribution of the parameters were inputted and compared between day 1 and day 3 of RDW higher than 46 and Lesser than 46 groups and shown in Figures 10 – 15

Figure 10. Distribution of SBP

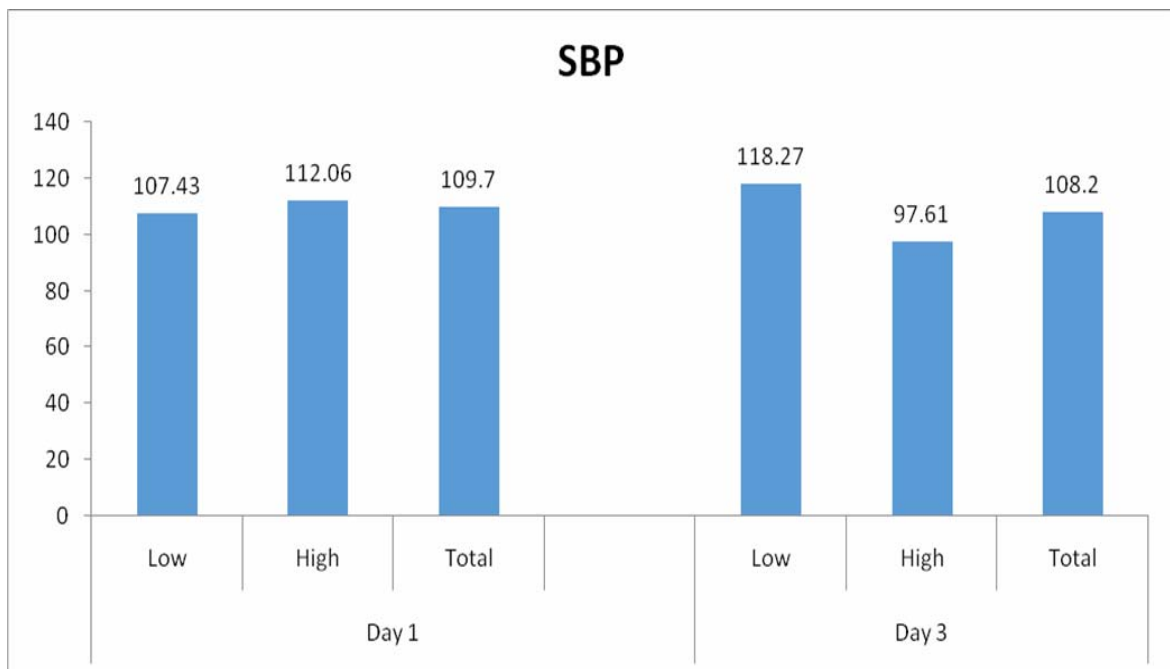


Figure 11. Distribution of DBP

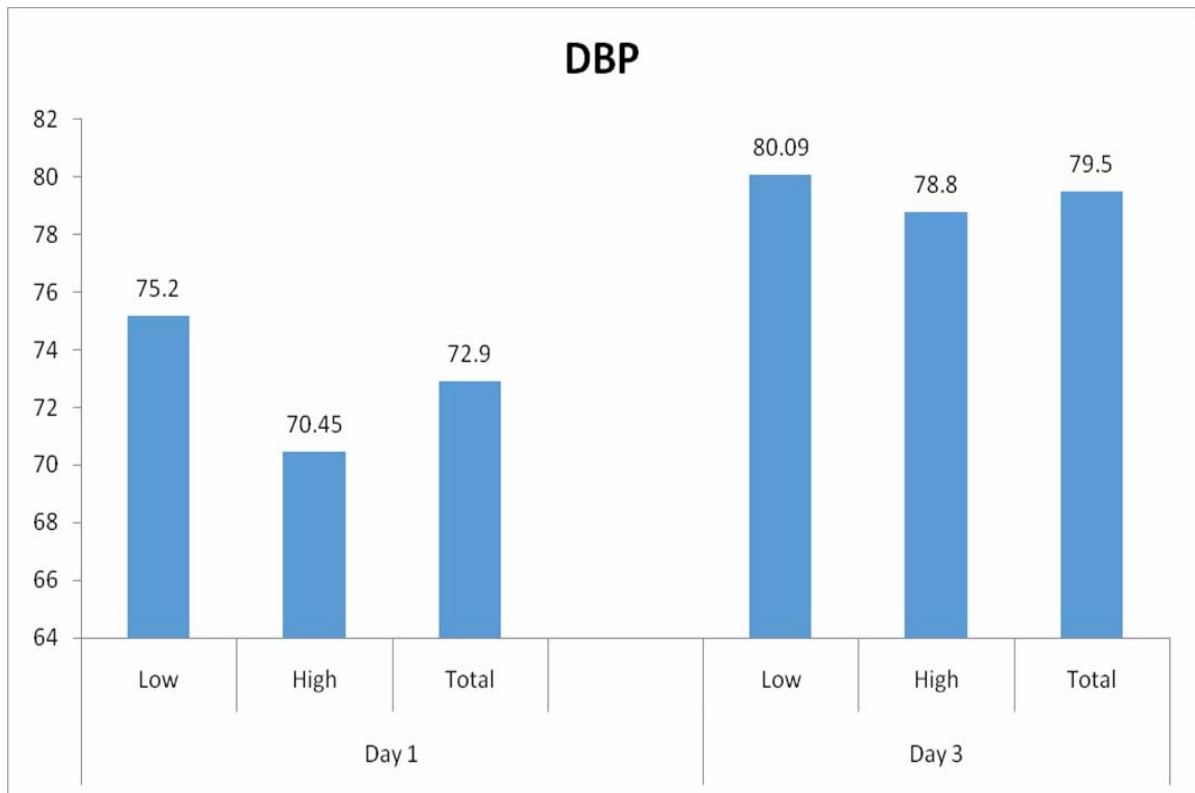


Figure 12. Distribution of Pulse Rate

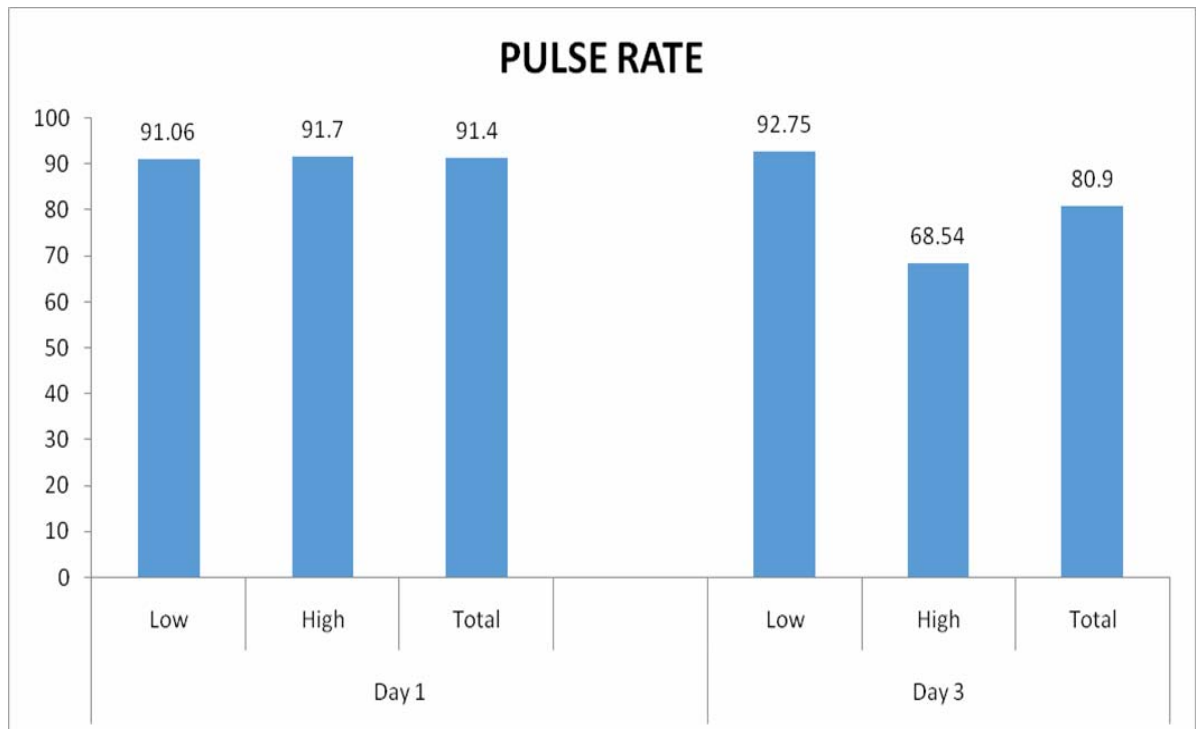


Figure 13. Distribution of Respiratory Rate

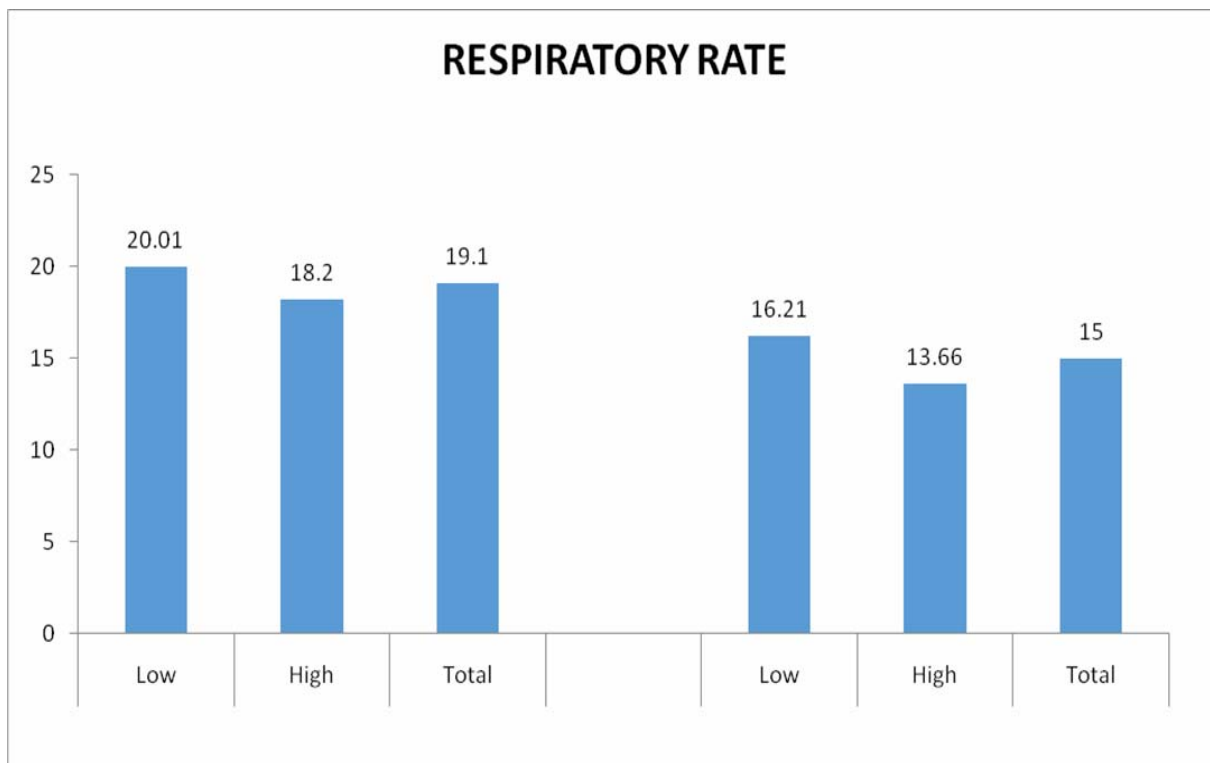


Figure 14. Distribution of SpO2

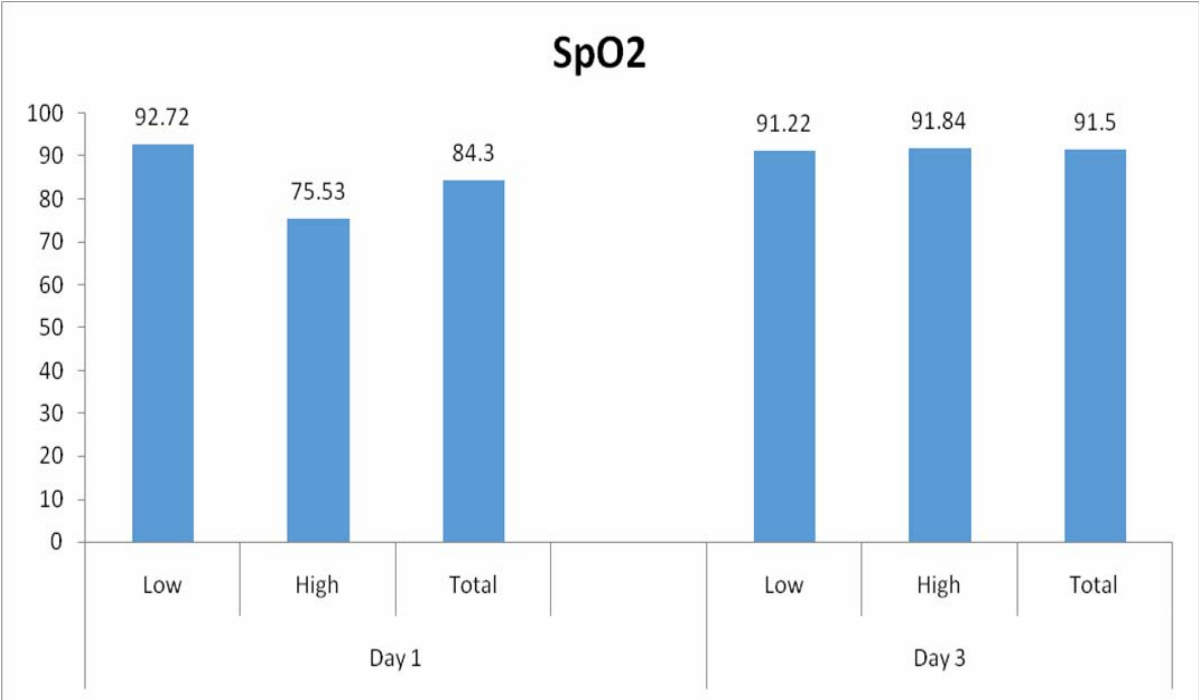
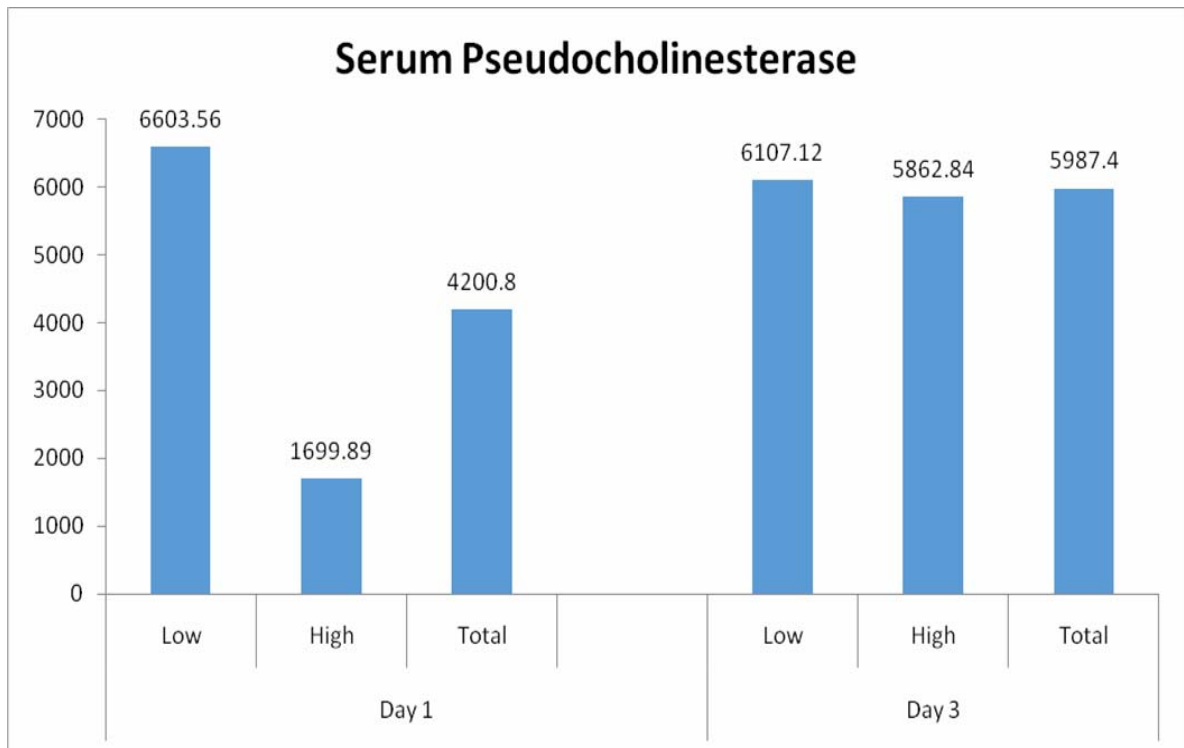


Figure 15. Distribution of Serum PseudoCholinesterase



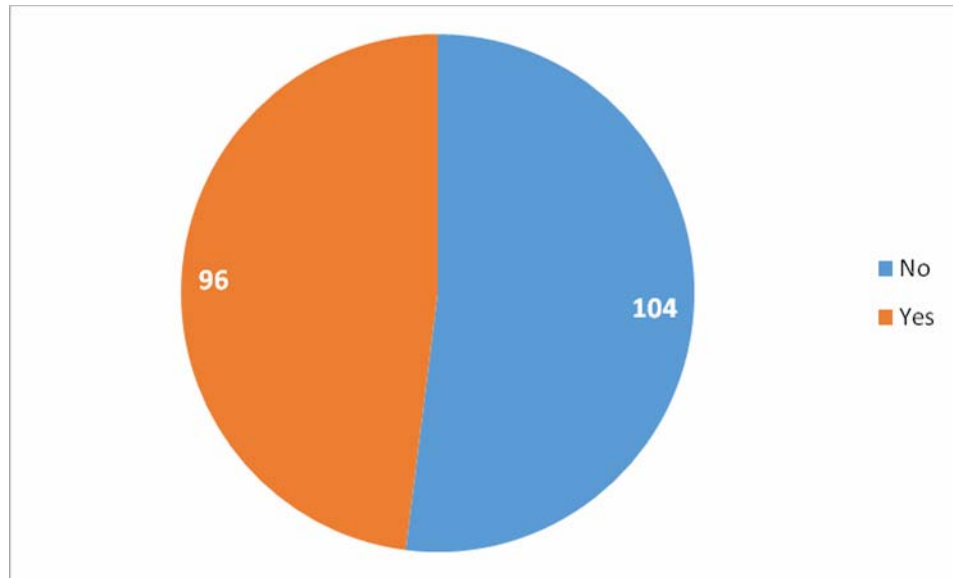
The outcomes were measured as no adverse effects, early intubation, those needing tracheostomy and death within 30 days and tabulated as follows

Out of 200 subjects those with no adverse effects were 104 (52%) and with adverse effects were 96(48%) as shown in table 8 and and the distribution is shown in figure 16

Table 8. Comparison of Adverse effects

No Adverse Effects	Number	Percent
No	104	52.0
Yes	96	48.0
Total	200	100.0

Figure 16. Distribution of Adverse effects group

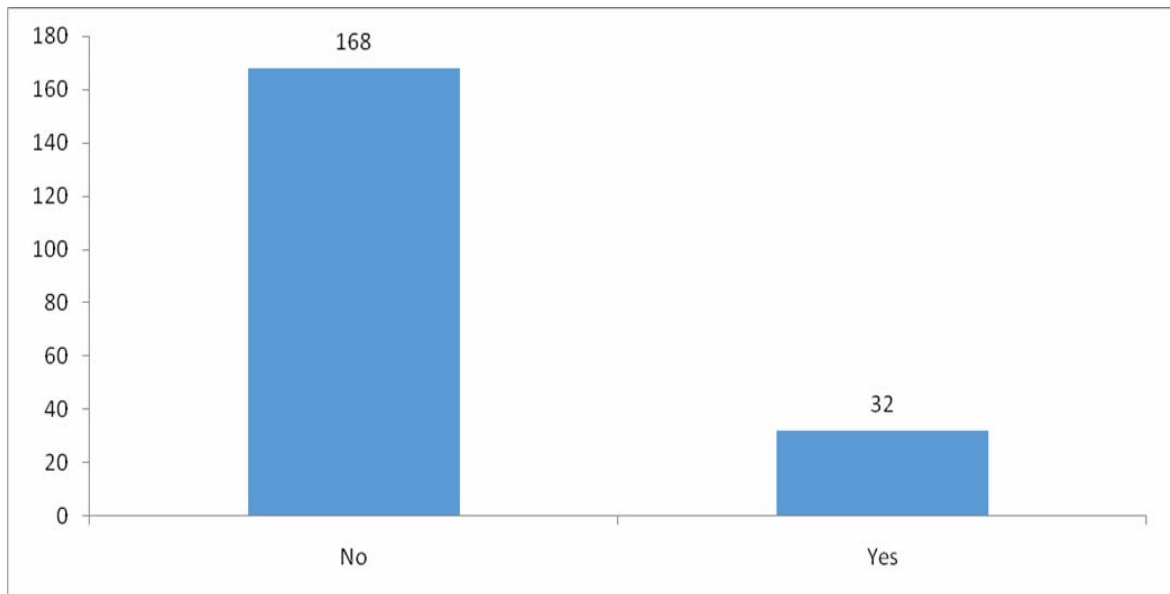


Among those with adverse effects, 32(16%) were intubated and extubated within 5 days as shown in table 9 and its distribution as in figure 17

Table 9. Comparison of Intubated and Early Extubated

Intubated and early extubated	Number	Percent
No	168	84.0
Yes	32	16.0
Total	200	100.0

Figure 17. Distribution of Intubated and Early Extubated

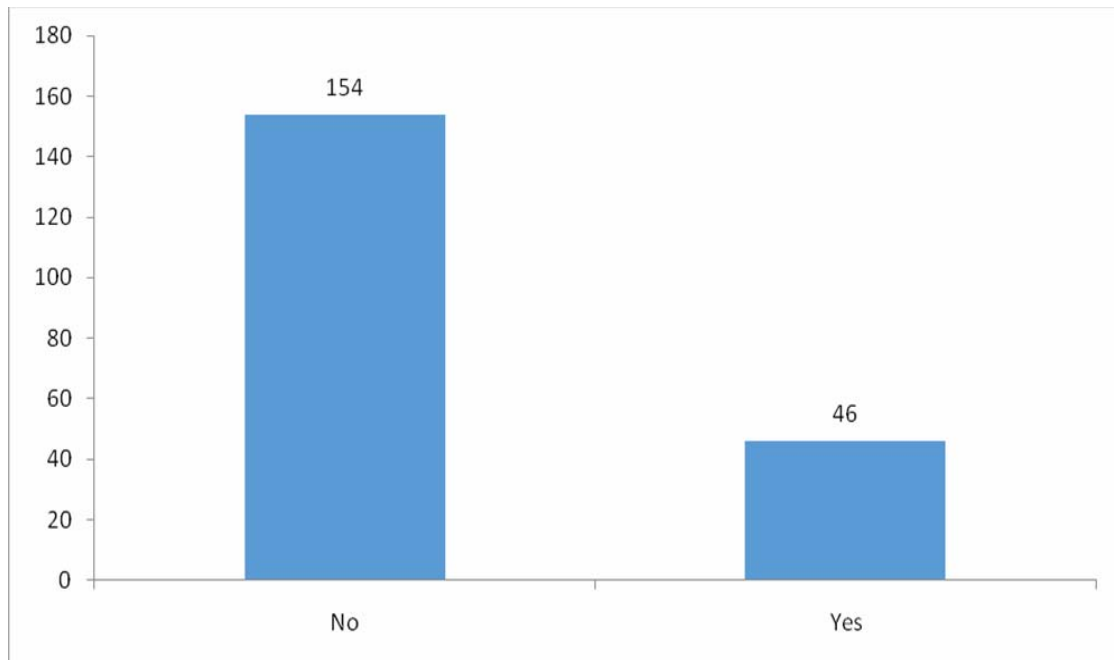


Among those 200, 46(23%) were intubated and needing prolonged duration of ventilation more than 5 days and underwent tracheostomy shown in table10 and the distribution in figure 18

Table 10. Comparison of intubated and Needing Tracheostomy

Intubated needing tracheostomy	Number	Percent
No	154	77.0
Yes	46	23.0
Total	200	100.0

Figure 18. Distribution of intubated and Needing Tracheostomy

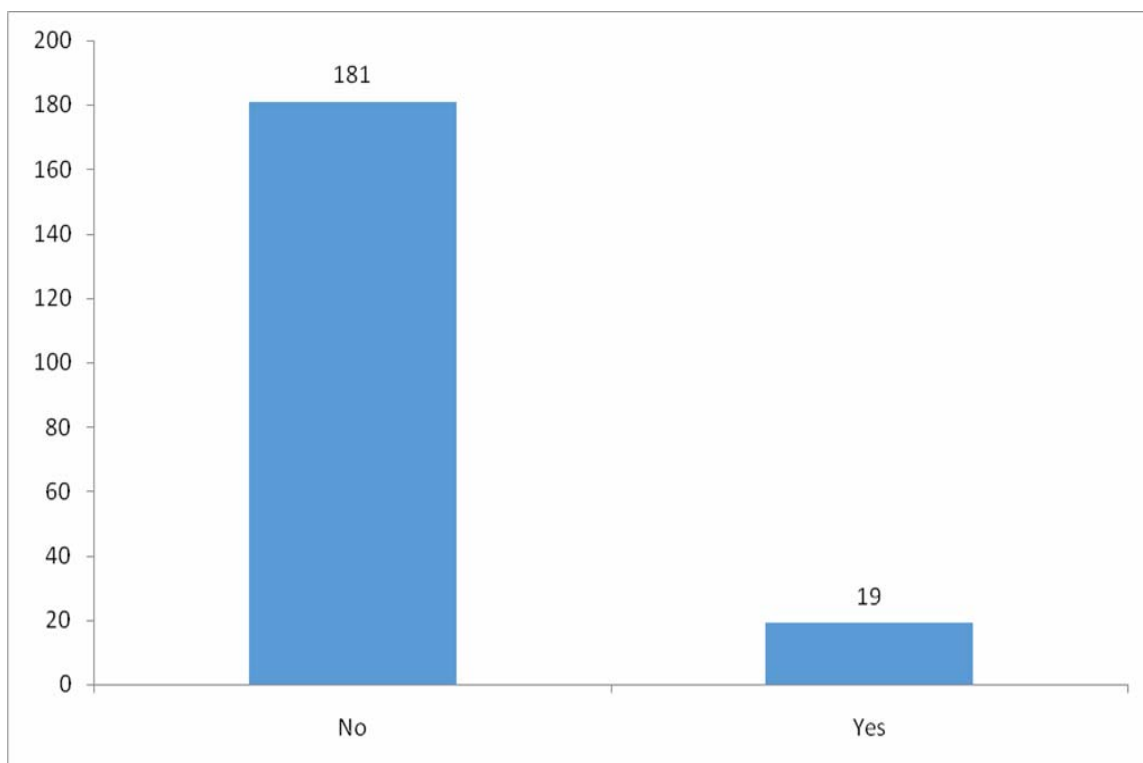


Of the 200, 19(9.5%) had delayed respiratory failure needing mechanical ventilation as shown in table 11 and the distribution is shown in figure 18

Table 11.Comparison of Delayed Respiratory failure within 72 hrs

Delayed respiratory failure within 72hrs	Number	Percent
No	181	90.5
Yes	19	9.5
Total	200	100.0

Figure 19. Distribution of Delayed Respiratory failure within 72 hrs

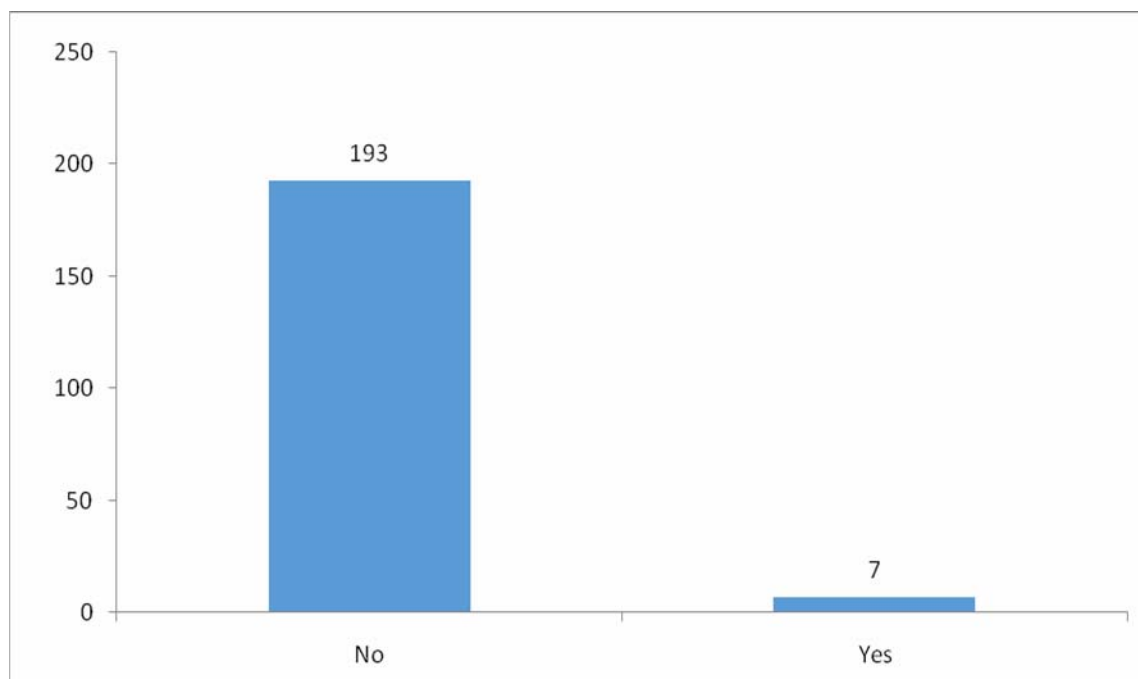


There were 7 deaths (3.5%) in the study population as shown in table 12 and their distribution is depicted figure 20

Table 12. Comparison of Death within 30 days

Death within 30 days	Number	Percent
No	193	96.5
Yes	7	3.5
Total	200	100.0

Figure 20. Distribution of Death within 30 days



In the RDW higher group there were 7 patients with no adverse effects, 19 who were intubated and extubated early. 46 subjects were intubated and needed prolonged mechanical ventilation beyond 5 days and hence underwent elective tracheostomy. 19 had delayed respiratory failure within 72 hrs requiring mechanical ventilation and 7 died within 30 days in the RDW higher than 46 group. The comparison is shown in table 13

Table 13. Comparision of Outcomes

Outcomes	RDW Low			RDW High		
	No	Yes	Total	No	Yes	Total
No adverse effects	13	89	102	91	7	98
Intubated and early extubated	89	13	102	79	19	98
Intubated needing tracheostomy	102	0	102	52	46	98
Delayed respiratory failure within 72hrs	102	0	102	79	19	98
Death within 30 days	102	0	102	91	7	98

Comparison between the baseline parameters and RDW

using Student t-test:

The P-value <0.05 is taken as statistically significant

Table 14. Comparison of baseline parameters and RDW

RDW	Low		High		P-value
	Mean	Std. Deviation	Mean	Std. Deviation	
Age	36.6	13.1	37.1	12.8	0.792
SBP	107.4	30.7	112.1	30.2	0.283
DBP	75.2	9.2	70.4	11.2	0.001
PULSE RATE	91.1	16.7	91.7	16.3	0.783
RESPIRATORY RATE	20.0	6.0	18.2	5.7	0.030
SpO2	92.7	6.6	75.5	8.8	<0.0001
Serum Pseudocholinesterase	6603.6	1841.5	1699.9	1377.6	<0.0001

From the t test we derive that the mean serum pseudocholinesterase was lower in RDW high group 1699(SD 1377.6) than the RDW low group 6603.6(SD1841.5) which is statistically significant ($p<0.0001$)

Also the mean SpO₂ was lower in the RDW higher group 75.5 (SD 8.8) and higher in RDW 92.7 (SD 6.6) which is also statistically significant ($p<0.0001$)

Also the mean Respiratory Rate was lower in the RDW higher group 18.2 (SD 5.7) and higher in RDW 20 (SD 6.0) which is also statistically significant ($p<0.030$)

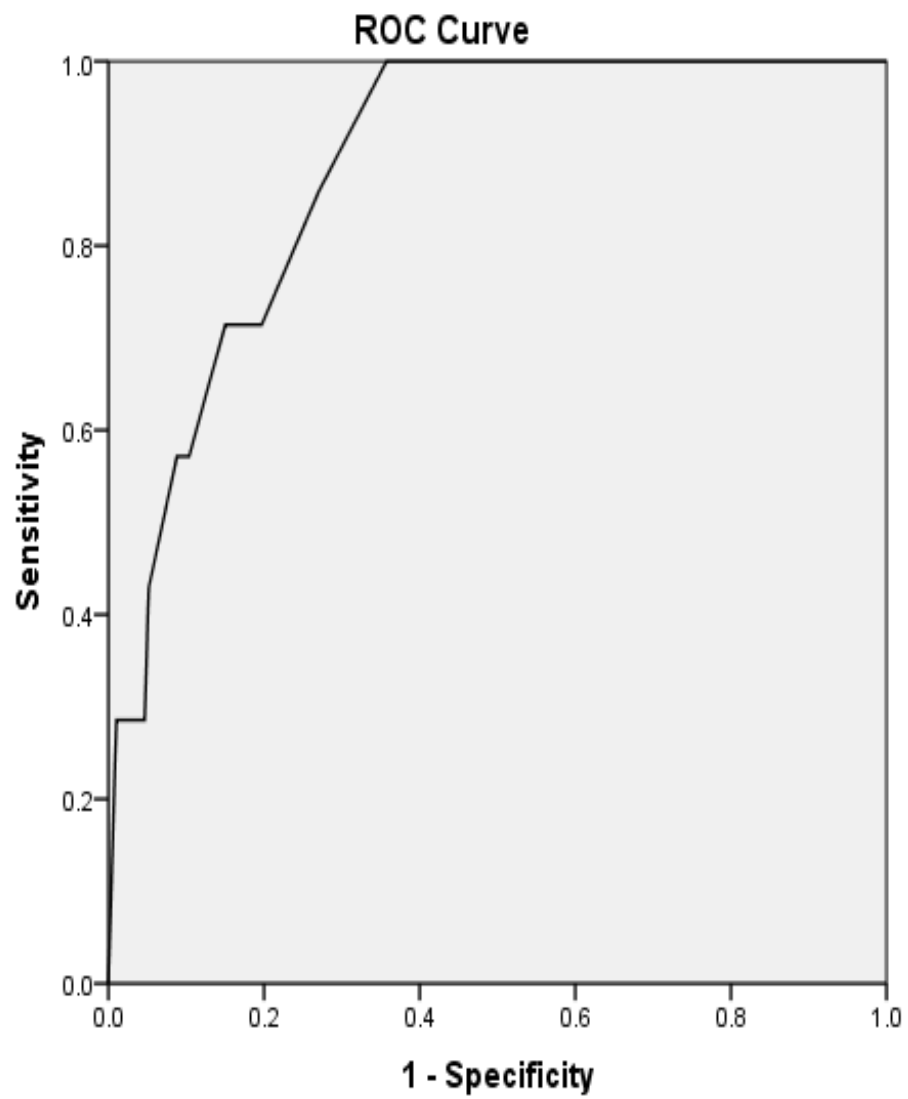
Also the mean Diastolic BP was lower in the RDW higher group 70.4 (SD 11.2) and higher in RDW 75.2 (SD 9.2) which is also statistically significant ($p<0.001$)

The other parameters like age, Systolic Bp Pulse Rate did not have statistical significance.

Patients with RDW high than 46 had very low Serum Pseudocholinesterase, Lower SpO₂, Diastolic BP and Respiratory Rate which were statistically significant.

ROC (Receiver operating curve) was used to determine the optimal cut off point for RDW for predicting mortality.

RDW had a sensitivity of 71.4 % and the specificity of 85 % with a cut-off value of 51.5 in predicting mortality in patients with OPI poisoning.



Diagonal segments are produced by ties.

Area Under the Curve: 0.885

DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION:

Organophosphate poisoning causes many hematological and biochemical changes on accidental or toxic exposure. It causes increased inflammatory cytokines particularly IL-1b, IL-8 that causes oxidative stress damaging the RBC membranes leading to anisocytosis and elevated RDW. Organophosphate poisoning also reduces certain anti-inflammatory cytokines such as IL-10 further tipping the balance between pro and anti-inflammatory state in the body leading to oxidant damage.

The principle oxidant involved is SOD (superoxide dismutase) which damages the RBC membrane by lipid peroxidation of the phospholipid membrane layer releasing Malonylaldehyde. It also reduces the level of total

cholesterol and phospholipid in the RBC membrane making it unstable and prone to sheer stress and alter RBC's shape

Also Organophosphates have redox cycling activity, i.e. they accept a free electron and transfer it to O₂ causing free radical generation, thereby oxidant damage.

RBC's are prone to damage easily as they have no nucleus and mitochondria. This makes them easily affected especially during hypoxia which is the feature of Organophosphate poisons.

Hypoxia damages the RBC membrane as it leads to auto-oxidation of Hemoglobin (Hb is degraded to methHb) thereby decreasing its oxygen carrying capacity and less affinity with shift of Hb-O₂ dissociation curve to right.

This leads to RBC membrane damage and it continues as a vicious cycle until intervened.

The mean age group participated was 36.63yrs with RDW lesser than 46 having Standard deviation of 13.141 and 37.11 with RDW higher than 46 having Standard deviation of 12.78. Out of 200 subjects number of males were 101(50.5%)

In study by *Shaikh Mohammed Aslam et al*, the mean age was 31.32 ± 11.84 years. 58.2% of the patients were males. Mean heart rate was 102.10 ± 21.33 beats per minute and mean respiratory rate was 22.34 ± 16.13 cycles per minute.

Hence our study was correlating with the above study on basis of age and sex.

In our study, the mean Respiratory Rate on Day 1 was 20.01 in RDW lesser than 46 . In RDW greater than 46 it was 18.2 on Day 1

The mean SBP on Day 1 was 107.43 and 112.06 in RDW low and higher than 46 respectively and on Day 3 was 118.27 and 97.61 in RDW low and High groups.

In study by *Changwoo Kang et al*, the mean SBP (mm Hg) was 136.3 ± 37.7 with Total patients, 139.2 ± 36.5 with RDW lower group and 127.5 ± 40.9 with RDW higher group.

The mean Respiratory rate(breaths per minute) was in total group 21.8 ± 11.6 , RDW low group 21.0 ± 6.0 and in RDW high group 24.2 ± 21.0 .

In our study there were 7 deaths among 200 patients (3.5%) with all of them having elevated RDW levels. None died in the RDW lower group

In study by *Zerrin Defne Dundar et al*,⁷ (9.7%) died during the intensive care unit follow-up period. The patients who died had higher median RDW levels than survivors [15.40 (15.10-16.40) and 14.30 (13.30-16.00), respectively, $p=0.047$]

SUMMARY

SUMMARY:

A total of 200 patients Government Rajaji Hospital, Madurai were recruited for this observational study.

In the RDW higher than 46 group there were 7 patients with no adverse effects, 19 who were intubated and extubated early.

46 subjects were intubated and needed prolonged mechanical ventilation beyond 5 days and hence underwent elective tracheostomy.

19 had delayed respiratory failure within 72 hrs requiring mechanical ventilation and 7 died within 30 days in the RDW higher than 46 group.

In the RDW lesser than 46 group there were 89 patients with no adverse effects, 13 who were intubated and extubated early.

Zero subjects were intubated and needed prolonged mechanical ventilation beyond 5 days

None had delayed respiratory failure within 72 hrs requiring mechanical ventilation and no one died within 30 days in the RDW lesser than 46 group.

The RDW high group had lower mean Serum Pseudocholinesterase 1699(SD 1377.6) which is statistically significant

Also RDW higher group had low SpO₂ 75.5 (SD 8.8), respiratory rate 18.2 (SD 5.7) and Diastolic BP 70.4 (SD 11.2) which is also statistically significant

RDW had a sensitivity of 71.4 % and the specificity of 85 % with a cut-off value of 51.5 in predicting mortality in patients with OPI poisoning.

LIMITATION:

- Our study did not involve any intervention.
- The subtype of Organophosphate poison and their outcomes were not studied separately.
- We did not include other types of poison like Carbamate, organochlorines
- We could not quantify the amount of exposure that occurred in each patient
- The height, weight, BMI of patients were not studied, since Organophosphate poisons are fat soluble
- The study had smaller group of population from a Single Institution which may not represent the whole Indian population

- The levels of folic acid, vitamin B12, and iron that might influence the RDW value were not measured

CONCLUSION:

Red cell distribution width is a quick, simple, easy and effective tool to risk stratify Organophosphate poisoning cases in low income, resource poor settings and in most situations where the degree of exposure to poison could not be assessed or wasn't revealed

It can be used as an additional tool to predict complications in patients with Organophosphate poisoning and also as a criteria for discharging in-patients who are not at risk of intoxication.

Further studies involving larger group of populations representing various cultures and many subset of populations is needed

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PROFORMA

Name:

Age / Sex:

Occupation:

Presenting complaints:

Past History:

H/o DM, HT, CKD, CVD, DRUG INTAKE, Thyroid disorders, Alcohol intake

Clinical Examination:

General Examination:

Consciousness

Pallor

Jaundice

Clubbing

Lymphadenopathy

Hydration status

Signs suggestive of poisoning

Salivation

Lacrimation

Urination

Defecation

Gastric emesis

Bronchorrhea

Bronchospasm

Bradycardia

Vitals:

PR

Bp

RR

SpO₂

Systemic examination:

CVS:

RS:

ABDOMEN:

CNS:

Laboratory investigations:

- a) Hemoglobin
- b) Hematocrit
- c) Mean Corpuscular Volume
- d) MCHC
- e) Peripheral Smear
- f) Liver function test
- g) Renal function test
- h) Red cell distribution width

ABBREVIATIONS

OPC/OPI – Organophosphate

Ache – Acetylcholinesterase

RDW – red cell distribution width

SpO₂- Oxygen Saturation by Pulse oximetry

BP – Blood pressure

CONSENT FORM

ஆராய்ச்சி ஒப்புதல் படிவம்

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இந்த ஆராய்ச்சியின் விவரங்களும் அதன் நோக்கங்களும் முழுமையாக எனக்கு விளக்கப்பட்டது.

எனக்கு விளக்கப்பட்ட விஷயங்களை நான் புரிந்துகொண்டு எனது முழுமனதுடன் சம்மதிக்கிறேன்.

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MASTER CHART

Number	Age	Sex	SBPd1	SBPd3	DBPd1	DBPd3	PR-d1	PR-d3	RR-d1	RR-d3	SpO2d1	SpO2d3	PseudoChe-D1	PseudoChe-D3	RDW	No adverse effects	Intubated & early extubated	Intubated + tracheostomy	Delayed respiratory failure < 72hrs	Death < 30 days
1	35	M	122	83	54	96	60	74	21	14	83	97	594	6880	56	N	N	N	Y	N
2	23	M	62	113	80	83	118	105	13	19	95	85	7499	9699	36	Y	N	N	N	N
3	16	M	158	107	63	60	120	97	13	13	92	87	6959	6652	39	Y	N	N	N	N
4	55	F	100	121	67	94	80	68	28	11	90	86	7361	4897	42	Y	N	N	N	N
5	57	F	112	119	64	100	104	107	15	16	96	94	7730	5860	39	Y	N	N	N	N
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13	53	M	100	112	88	80	72	79	24	10	93	97	6605	4169	41	Y	N	N	N	N
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